

Book Review

Dermatology, Volumes 1 and 2

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Welcome to the 21st century! The new general dermatology text entitled *Dermatology*, edited by Bologna et al, is a breathtaking work. According to the editors' preface, there is a "strong emphasis on visual learning" in the text. This emphasis is reflected in the use of schematic diagrams to convey the principles of skin biology and cutaneous surgery, as well as the inclusion of algorithms that provide a "logical as well as practical approach to commonly encountered clinical problems."

Dermatology is divided into 22 sections covering topics such as rheumatologic diseases, metabolic and systemic diseases, genodermatoses, medical therapy, surgery, and cosmetic surgery. The color coding of sections enables easy navigation of the contents. Most of the basic science is integrated throughout the book, indicated by a skin biology logo on the margin of the page. Use of tables and graphics make the content accessible and visually appealing. A nice feature is that there are tables providing synonyms and key features for each disease entity in each section. In addition to a thorough collection of color clinical photographs, high-quality color histopathology is provided throughout the text, allowing clinicopathologic correlation.

This text is both a practical guide to the practice of dermatology, as well as a solid reference. It is a must for dermatology residents and highly recommended for all dermatologists. I could not wait to get my copy. A bonus CD-ROM also is included with the set. The supporting Web site for *Dermatology*, which includes the content in searchable form, can be found at <http://www.dermtext.com>.